

**Approved on October 18, 2011**

**Minutes  
Mid-County Citizen's Advisory Board Meeting  
September 15, 2011**

**Members Present** Teresa Bell, Robin Brannan, Eileen Cahill, Karla Fortunato, Gregory Intoccia, Richard Newman, Gam Wijetunge, Ariel Winter

**Members Absent** Stefan Lawson, Kieran McHargue, Steve Morrison

**Staff Present** Ana Lopez van Balen

**Guests** Tiffany Ward, Council Staff for Marc Elrich and additional community members signed in.

**Call to Order** Gam Wijetunge, Chair, called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. and welcomed all guests.

**Approval of agenda** Rick Newman moved that the agenda be approved, Ariel Winter seconded and the agenda was approved.

Eileen Cahill moved that the minutes of the July 19<sup>th</sup> meeting be approved as amended, Robin Brannan seconded and the minutes were approved.

**Community Concerns/Council Notes/State Report**

Greg Eisenstat asked about the repaving of the state highway. Questions from the MCCAB were fielded. It was recommended that he contact the MTA.

Max reported that while his experiences using 311 have been positive, the current system fields all calls through 311, creating inefficiencies when a resident knows which department to call.

**Chairman's Conversation on Upcoming Board Year**

Gam Wijetunge thanked Roylene Roberts for her support of the Board and welcomed Ana Lopez van Balen. He committed to keeping meetings efficient and prompt and asked for members' support to do that. He instituted a time limit for people's comments, asking people to speak for 1 minute (and ask for additional time if needed). He thanked the Board for its continued commitment.

**Old Business** Gam Wijetunge reported that he met with the County Executive regarding the Board's CIP testimony. With the budget still under deliberation, the Board has additional time to deliberate if it would like to bring more priorities to the County Executive's attention.

**Director Report** Ana Lopez van Balen introduced herself to the Board and gave a brief summary of her professional experience.

**Presentation**

Wayne Jerman, Assistant Chief of Police, Montgomery County gave a presentation in support of the proposed curfew legislation. Questions from MCCAB were fielded.

Councilmember Phil Andrews gave a presentation in opposition to the proposed curfew legislation. Questions from the MCCAB were fielded.

**Council Notes**

Tiffany Ward reported that the Council will take up the Wheaton Sector plan on the 26<sup>th</sup> at 9:30. A hearing on redistricting will be held on Nov. 1, 7:30pm.

**Committee Reports**

Karla Fortunato, Budget & Capital Improvement Committee, reported that no meeting of this committee had been held.

Rick Newman, Land Use, Zoning, Transportation Committee, reported that the committee reviewed the bus rapid transit presentation and is in support of a scaled back version of the project.

Gregory Intoccia noted that the School Board has voted to pursue the Farquhar Middle School land swap option.

Ariel Winter, Quality of Life, provided an update on the Kemp Mill Urban Park, which the Parks has noted is a top priority.

The Quality of Life committee approved a recommendation to support the County Executive's curfew legislation.

Rick Newman made a motion to table the recommendation. Robin Brannan seconded. The motion passed.

**Liaison Reports**

Wheaton Urban District Advisory Committee – no report  
Wheaton Redevelopment Advisory Committee – no report  
Mid-County Recreation Advisory Board – no report  
Department of Permitting Services Advisory Committee – no report  
Olney Town Center Center Advisory Committee – Eileen Cahill reported there was a meeting next week

**New Business**

2011-2012 MCCAB Committees chose their standing meeting time for the next year:

Quality of Life will convene on the first Tuesday of each month, 8pm; their October meeting will be held on Oct. 10, 8pm

Land Use, Zoning, Transportation will convene on the first Thursday of each month, 7pm.

Budget & Capital Improvement will identify their meeting time and report back.

**Adjourn**

Ariel Winter made a motion to adjourn, Robin Brannan seconded. The motion passed.